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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Holiday Inn on the Bay
San Diego, California

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2008

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Esquivel called the meeting to order at 1:25 p.m. Commissioner Rowe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Roll Call, Determine Excused and Unexcused Absences, Establish Quorum

Commissioners Present: Chuck Ayala, Connie Chang, Lily Chen, Jim Davis, Mike DeNunzio, Celia Esquivel, Shannon Glavaz, Erica Goode, Karen Josephson, Hank Lacayo, Richard Lundin, Sharon Monck, Cheryl Phillips, Jon Pynoos, Tom Rowe, Hav Staggs, Donna Ueland

Commissioners Excused: Carlos Rodriguez, Andy Scharlach, Benny Yee, Leah Wyman

Staff: Sandra Fitzpatrick, Carol Sewell

Guests: Liz Pazdral, Tony Sauer, Lynn Daucher, David Wilder, Neal Albritton, John Victory, Josephine Black, Cherie Phoenix, Elsa Quezada, David Tripp, Teddy-Joy Remhild, Robert Ludlum, Dr. Sue ElHessen, Kent Mickelson, Christina Mills-Hovius

A quorum was present.

III. Introductions

Commissioners introduced themselves.

IV. Approve Agenda

The CCoA agenda for February 20 – 21, 2008 was reviewed.

M/S/C (Phillips/Monck)

TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 20 – 21, 2008 CCoA AGENDA

V. Approve Minutes from December 6-7, 2007 CCoA Meeting

The minutes from the December 6-7, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Staggs noted that a reference to “cultural competency” should be changed to “cultural diversity.”

M/S/C (Lacayo/Josephson)

TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 6-7, 2007 CCOA MEETING MINUTES AS AMENDED.

VI. Public Comments

David Wilder announced that CDA recently released a program memo related to the Americans with Disability Act access and urged Commissioners to become familiar with the language.

VII. CCoA Chair's Comments

Commissioner Esquivel reminded Commissioners to avoid sending e-mail responses that constitute serial meetings and urged better attendance at the second day of Commission meetings.

VIII. Executive Committee Meetings Report (Commissioner Esquivel)

A. January 3, 2008 Meeting

1. Request for support for SB 977

Esquivel reported that the Executive Committee had voted in January to support SB 977.

B. February 20, 2008 Meeting

1. Reschedule October CCoA Meeting for October 15-16, 2008

The Executive Committee had voted to reschedule the October meeting to the 15th and 16th in order to avoid meeting during the Jewish Rosh Hashanah holidays. The meeting location will be Redding.

2. Commissioner Wyman's request for CCoA participation in a project that deals with female cancer prevention

Esquivel reported that the Executive Committee recommended referring the related cancer screening legislation (AB 1774) to Advocacy & Policy Committee.

M/S/C (Ayala/Lundin)

TO RATIFY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO SUPPORT SB 977.

M/S/C (Lacayo/Ayala)

TO APPROVE MOVING THE OCTOBER MEETING DATE TO OCTOBER 15-16, 2008 IN REDDING.

M/S/C (Rowe/Phillips)

TO RATIFY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DECISION TO REFER CANCER SCREENING LEGISLATION TO ADVOCACY & POLICY COMMITTEE.

VIX. Bylaws & Operational Procedure Committee

A. Policy on CCoA Participation Request

Staggs reported on a screening tool developed by staff for use when future requests for Commission involvement in outside projects are received. The tool will be incorporated into a draft amendment for CCoA's Standing Rules and will be presented for approval at the April meeting.

B. Proposed Amendments to CCoA Bylaws

Staggs outlined proposed amendments to the Bylaws as recommended by the Committee, including deletion of an obsolete provision in Article II and making clarifying changes to Article IV and Article V.

M/S/C (Davis/Phillips)

TO AMEND ARTICLE II OF THE CCOA BYLAWS.

M/S/C (Lundin/Monck)

TO APPROVE AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE IV OF THE CCOA BYLAWS.

M/S/C (Ayala/Phillips)

TO APPROVE AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE V OF THE CCOA BYLAWS.

C. Proposed Amendments to CCoA Standing Rules

Staggs reported that the proposed amendments to the Standing Rules will be brought back to full Commission for approval at the April meeting.

X. State Plan Committee

Commissioner Ueland reported on a CDA's request to postpone completion of the State Plan on Aging for one year (from 2010 – 2014). The Committee voted to ask the department for Commission representation in State Plan planning and directed staff to draft a letter to that effect. The Commission discussed the benefits of having one or two Commissioners assigned to the planning effort.

M/S/C (Ueland/Phillips) (1 abstention)

TO APPROVE THE STATE PLAN COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO SEND A LETTER TO DIRECTOR DAUCHER TO INCLUDE CCOA REPRESENTATION ON THE STATE PLAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

XI. Advocacy & Policy Committee

A. Update on sponsored and/or CCoA related legislation

Commissioner Lacayo asked Commissioner Staggs to report on committee activity.

1. Cultural Diversity Resolution

To be carried by Senator Padilla; not yet introduced.

2. AB 364 (Berg) Transitional Care Pilot Project

Held on Appropriations Suspense file; no further action expected.

3. SB 977 (Correa) Senior Center Infrastructure Study

Approved by Senate and sent to Assembly.

4. Fall Prevention Week Resolution - possible co-sponsorship.

Senator Lowenthal has introduced SCR 77, to declare the first week of Fall each year as Fall Prevention Awareness Week. The Committee recommended CCoA co-sponsorship of SCR 77.

B. Position Newly Introduced Bills

1. AB 1765

Bill will not be heard; no further action.

2. AB 1744

Legislation to require insurance coverage for annual ovarian and uterine cancer screening. Committee recommends "Watch."

3. AJR 31

Joint resolution urging Congress to amend the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003 to allow negotiation of drug prices, elimination of the gap in Medicare Part D coverage, and to eliminate late enrollment penalties. Committee recommends "Support."

4. SB 1058

Committee recommends a "Watch" position on legislation requiring reporting of all hospital-acquired infections.

C. Bills pending introduction

Bill proposal to allow rural hospitals to employ physicians was not introduced. No further action.

D. Consideration/Update of two year bills**1. AB 1022**

Committee recommends a "Watch" position on legislation establishing a new category of continuing care home programs.

2. AB 1358

The "Complete Streets" planning legislation to provide safe and convenient streets and roads for all users was recommended for CCoA support.

E. California Senior Legislature Proposals

The Committee reviewed California Senior Legislature legislative proposals introduced by Commissioner Lundin and Commissioner Monck. The Committee requested progress updates on any further activity on the proposals.

F. State Budget Related Issues

No action taken.

G. Federal Update

No action taken.

M/S/C (Monck/Lundin)

TO APPROVE THE ADVOCACY & POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT.

XII. Public Hearing Planning Committee**A. Selection of healthcare access as the first priority area and development of public hearing strategy**

Commissioner Josephson reported on new public hearing format covering healthcare, aging in place, and elder and dependent adult abuse. The first two hearings will be in Yolo County and Orange County. Community leaders will be tapped to describe

access issues for rural and urban seniors in a variety of health care needs. The following two hearings will address recommendations derived from the first two hearings along with community coordination and grass roots efforts.

M/S/C (Rowe/Phillips)

TO APPROVE THE PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

XIII. Executive Director's Report

A. Financial Statement through January 2008

Fitzpatrick reported on the CCoA's financial statements through January.

B. Activity Report

Fitzpatrick reported on staff activities from December, 2007 through February, 2008.

C. Preview Public Meeting with State Independent Living Council (SILC)

Fitzpatrick outlined CCoA's plan for meeting later that day and on Thursday with the SILC.

M/S/C (Phillips/Monck)

TO APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

XIV. Unfinished Business

A. California Foundation on Aging

Commissioner Davis reviewed the history and issues surrounding CCoA's relationship with CFoA.

The Commission discussed available options regarding the Memorandum of Understanding between the Foundation and CCoA. Commissioner Davis outlined the Executive Committee's recommendation to establish an ad hoc committee to review the relationship with CFoA and to recommend a solution.

M/S/C (Davis/Monck)

TO ACCEPT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO FORM AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO REVIEW ALTERNATIVES AND BRING RECOMMENDATIONS BACK TO APRIL EXECUTIVE MEETING.

XV. New Business

A. *Beginning the Dialogue for Joint Advocacy* Presenters: Tony Sauer, Director, California Department of Rehabilitation and Liz Pazdral, Executive Director, State Independent Living Council

Pazdral described the SILC's mission of identifying unmet needs in the community in order to develop strategies to help people with disabilities remain in the community. Sauer explained the Department of Rehabilitation's work in finding employment for persons with disabilities and its oversight responsibilities with the State Independent Living Council. Sauer described common issues between the senior and disability communities and noted the value of combined advocacy efforts in the areas of housing, transportation, and access.

XVI. Commissioner Reports

Commissioners reported on activities since the December meeting.

XVII. Commission presentation

Commissioner Staggs presented a plaque to David Wilder in recognition of his service as TACC president from 2006 through February 2008.

XVIII. Executive Director's Performance Appraisal – CLOSED SESSION

XIX. Next Meeting: April 14-15, 2008 in San Jose. The CCoA public hearing will be held in conjunction with the Coordinated Leadership Conference.

XX. Recess until 9:30 a.m. Thursday, February 21, 2008

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2008

Joint Meeting with the State Independent Living Council (SILC) and the California Commission on Aging (CCoA)

Presenters: Lynn Daucher, Director, California Department of Aging
Tony Sauer, Director, California Department of Rehabilitation
Celia Esquivel, Chair, CCoA
David Wilder, Chair, SILC

Commissioner Esquivel convened the meeting at 9:42 a.m. SILC President Wilder asked for introductions from all present.

Director Daucher outlined the common problems of stereotyping in both the aging and disability communities, as well as some of the differences between the two communities. Director Daucher and Director Sauer discussed working together on accessible housing and Universal Design issues, and on their joint commitment to participating in the state's Mobility Action Plan Project Advisory Committee (MAPPAC).

Members of the SILC and CCoA described a number of successful efforts to coordinate aging and disability services, and discussed a broad range of advocacy opportunities, including consumer rights, housing, state budget issues, education and outreach, funding silos, homelessness and dependent and elder abuse. The fact that many persons with disabilities are also older adults was acknowledged, as well as the fact that most older adults will eventually acquire some form of disability, making disability all the more relevant to aging advocates.

Both groups agreed on the benefits of exchanging lists identifying each member's areas of expertise. SILC President Wilder proposed that the April public hearing co-sponsored by SILC and CCoA could provide further input on the groups' coordination efforts.

The next steps were identified as

1. April 15, 2008 joint hearing at the Coordinated Leadership Conference.
2. Committee formation following April to work on issues.
3. Exchange of lists with members' expertise.
4. Individual members were urged to make local level connections either with state level official or with their Area Agency on Aging (AAA) or Independent Living Center (ILC).

5. Commit to having members attend each others' meetings when groups meet in their areas.
6. Take message from Coordinated Leadership Conference hearing to AAA directors and ILC directors to initiate activity at the local level.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None offered

XXI. Adjourn

The CCoA meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.